

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-2, 4-7, 9-12, 14, and 15 remain in the application for consideration of the Examiner with Claims 3, 8, and 13 standing cancelled.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

Claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Comeau.

These rejections are respectfully traversed.

It is respectfully submitted that Comeau does not disclose or suggest the presently claimed invention including the first transistor device being a metal-oxide transistor device and the second transistor device being a bipolar transistor device in independent Claim 1, albeit defined as wherein the two circuit elements are a metal-oxide transistor and a bipolar transistor in independent Claim 5 and, albeit the two semiconductor circuit elements are metal-oxide transistor and a bipolar transistor in independent Claim 11.

The Examiner alleges that Comeau discloses this aspect at lines 3-5 of paragraph 80.

However, Comeau discloses at paragraph 80 an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, showing using npn bipolar transistor technology and the present invention may also be used using pnp bipolar and FET technologies.


This does not disclose the above mentioned invention.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

While it is believed that the instant response places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Texas Instruments Incorporated, Account No. 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,



W. Daniel Swayze, Jr.  
Attorney for Applicant  
Reg. No. 34,478

Texas Instruments Incorporated  
P.O. Box 655474, MS 3999  
Dallas, TX 75265  
(972) 917-5633